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CNO FOR OP-63E; NAVMAT FOR 08F; NAVAIR FOR PMA-261, 4103

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LOA FOR SIX RH-53D HELICOPTERS

1. IRANIAN DEPUTY MINISTER OF WAR FOR ARMANENT (DMOWA LTR
303/1401-01-39-19 DATED 29 JAN 78 (NOTAL) REQUESTED LOA FOR
SIX RH-53D HELICOPTERS.

2. REQUEST CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING SO THAT ARMISH/MAAG CAN
ADVISE THE DMOWA AND IMPERIAL IRANIAN NAVY OF SITUATION
WITH RESPECT TO SUBJECT.

- A. RH-53D IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.
- B. SIKRSKY PRODUCTION LINE IS CLOSED.
- C. START UP COST WOULD BE EXPENSIVE.
- D. TIME DELAY INVOLVED WOULD BE EXCESSIVE FOR RH-53D

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DELIVERY.
EM THERE ARE NO RH-53D RESOURCES IN THE US NAVY INVENTORY
WHICH COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO GOI TO REDUCE LEAD TIME.
F. SIKORSKY HAS RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED A US CONTRACT
FOR THE CH-53E, THE THREE ENGINE (T-64) HELICOPTER.
(IF THE CH-53E BECOMES AVAILABLE AS AN RH OR MH MODEL
(MINESWEEPER) WE ASSUME IT MAY BE MORE COST

EFFECTIVE FOR THE GOI TO PROCURE THE RH-53E.)

3. IN ADDITION, REQUEST: (A) BEST ESTIMATE ON
POSSIBILITY OF RESTART OF RH-53D PRODUCTION LINE; (B)
TIME TO PRODUCE RH-53D IF RESTART FEASIBLE; AND (C)
PREDICTED AVAILABILITY TIME FRAME FOR RH-53E.
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